

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method for starting an engine of a vehicle, comprising:

~~in the event of a starting command, a checking arrangement to making a check, in the event of a starting command,~~ as to whether the vehicle is stationary;

if the vehicle is stationary, activating at least one vehicle brake; and

after the activation of the vehicle brake, authorizing a starting of the engine.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

releasing the at least one vehicle brake ~~again~~ after an engine startup.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising[[,]]:

in the event a starting authorization is not present within a predefined time period following an existence of one of the starting command and a starting authorization request associated therewith, excluding an automatic start of the engine.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the starting of the engine is authorized in the event the vehicle is not stationary.

15. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
 releasing the at least one vehicle brake after an engine startup; and
 automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized.
16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.
17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.
18. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the starting of the engine is authorized in the event the vehicle is not stationary.
19. (New) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
 releasing the at least one vehicle brake after an engine startup;
 automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized; and
 in the event a starting authorization is not present within a predefined time period following an existence of one of the starting command and a starting authorization request associated therewith, excluding an automatic start of the engine.
20. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.
21. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.
22. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the starting of the engine is authorized in the event the vehicle is not stationary.